

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Mary Turman, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the South Dakota Board of Regents, and Secretary to the Board, will retire next month from full-time administrative service; and,

*Whereas*, Mary capably served the people of South Dakota for 41 years, first as a secretary in Central Data Processing, and for the last 37 years as Executive Assistant to the South Dakota Board of Regents; and,

*Whereas*, Mary flawlessly managed the work of 8 executive directors, 22 Board presidents, and countless individual Regents; and,

*Whereas*, Mary directly supported 26 executive searches conducted by the Board, while establishing herself as the "go-to" expert in how to manage the executive search process; and,

*Whereas*, Having quietly sat through hundreds of Regents meetings, Mary is unrivaled in her institutional memory and knowledge of the past four decades of public higher education in South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Mary's reliability, efficiency, and work ethic exemplify the spirit of public service to which all should aspire; and,

*Whereas*, Through her dedication and service to the governing system for public higher education, the six state universities, and two special schools, she has made South Dakota a better place; and,

*Whereas*, Mary's retirement is not the end of a career, but the beginning of a brand-new one, as she enjoys new challenges and more time spent with her husband Terry, sons Paul and Chad, and their families; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to honor this outstanding South Dakotan, and to congratulate Mary as colleagues, family, and friends gather on May 19, 2011, to celebrate the occasion:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2011, as

## *MARY TURMAN DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State